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1. Between 1 and 15 October 1950, seven, or possibly twelve trains of the 24000 series, made up of approximately 53 boxcars each, west-bound from the direction of Gerdauen, crossed the border into the Soviet Zone of Germany at Kuestrin (1) and (2). Another west-bound train of 36 boxcars, 50X1-HUM passed through Kuestrin on 14 October. Each car carried about 35 soldiers. On 15 October shuttle train of 44 boxcars, carrying troops wearing green epaulets and green cap piping, arrived in Kuestrin (3). On the same date another train of 41 boxcars and 15 gondola cars, carrying troops, passed through Kuestrin, west-bound in the direction of Werbig, while another of 58 cars, empty, was observed moving east from the direction of Werbig (4). 50X1-HUM
2. Between 16 and 23 October the following trains passed through Kuestrin:
 - a. 16 October - One train, 50 cars, west-bound towards Werbig.
 - b. 18 October - One train of 56 cars and one empty shuttle train of 24 boxcars and 27 gondola cars, west-bound towards Werbig.
 - c. 19 October - Three trains, two of 60 and one of 58 cars, west-bound towards Werbig (5); troops and military equipment in 90 gondola cars, 11 flatcars, 11 boxcars and one tank car; one train of 58 boxcars carrying troops, east-bound from the direction of Werbig.
 - d. 21 October - One train of 38 boxcars and 20 gondola cars, carrying troops, going towards Werbig (6).
 - e. 23 October - Two trains, of 54 and 58 boxcars respectively, carrying troops, east-bound from Werbig (7).
3. Between 14 and 22 October the following trains were observed in Frankfurt/Oder:
 - a. 14 October - One empty train of 46 boxcars, newly equipped with troop accommodations, left Frankfurt/Oder for Kuestrin/Kietz.

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- b. 15 October - One train of 49 boxcars and nine gondola cars, carrying troops and baggage, coming from Gerdausen, passed through Frankfurt/Oder and proceeded in the direction of Cottbus.
- c. 17 October - Train [] of 41 boxcars and 15 gondola cars, carrying troops and baggage, coming from Kuestrin, passed through Frankfurt/Oder and proceeded to Cottbus (8). 50X1-HUM
- d. 19 October - Shuttle train [] of 55 boxcars, carrying troops, coming from Kuestrin, passed through Frankfurt/Oder and proceeded towards Cottbus. 50X1-HUM
- e. 20 October - Shuttle train [] of 57 boxcars, carrying troops, coming from the direction of Cottbus, passed through Frankfurt/Oder and proceeded toward Eberswalde. 50X1-HUM
- f. 22 October - One train of 38 boxcars and 20 gondola cars, coming from Gerdausen via Kuestrin, was unloaded in Frankfurt/Oder.
4. All trains which entered the Soviet Zone of Germany via Kuestrin came from the direction of Gerdausen, which is believed to be only a rail-transfer station. It is not known from what replacement depots in the USSR they came. Inside the Soviet Zone, most of the trains mentioned above were routed through Guben to various military posts and maneuver areas, including Jueterbog, Fürstenwalde, Neuruppin, Rosslau, Zehdenick, and Stendal. Soldiers scheduled for demobilization probably were moved to collecting points at Jueterbog, Weimar and Freienwalde prior to their departure for the USSR.
- (1) [] Comment: It is not clear whether [] five of seven trains which entered the Soviet Zone during this period, made one or two trips into the zone during the period. 50X1-HUM
- (2) [] Comment: Three of these trains [] passed through Frankfurt/Oder between 1 and 4 October. 50X1-HUM
- (3) [] Comment: This train probably carried replacements for MGB and MVD units in the Soviet Zone.
- (4) [] Comment: The second train was observed [] moving from Magdeburg to Kuestrin. These two trains are probably identical with those mentioned in paragraph 3 b. and c. 50X1-HUM
- (5) [] Comment: Shuttle trains carrying recruits from the USSR.
- (6) [] Comment: Observed [] leaving for Guben. 50X1-HUM
- (7) [] Comment: Probably carried troops scheduled for demobilization in the USSR.
- (8) [] Comment: Trains with this composition were observed for the first time this fall, 1950. In the spring of 1950 trains [] were observed bringing recruits from the USSR to the Soviet Zone of Germany. 50X1-HUM

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